Chairman's Report 2012/13

The Community Council (CC) period since the last AGM has been very busy and productive.

Your CC, over the last year, has dealt with many concerns and requests of the village residents.

In no particular order the CC was instrumental in getting the Public toilets working again involving major works, a new Bus shelter, the Youth pod ,the Bike park, new Goal Posts, Squirrel warning signs, finishing the Riverside walk fence, repairing the Ellan Bridge seat, tarmacking the road up to the Station, liaising with the contractor of the sewage works under the road bridge to tidy the site after completion, organising the welcome to the village of the Olympic Torch, supported the Church & Village Hall building repairs and the Bowling club with a new lawnmower, the Church Soup lunches hygiene certificates and the Duck race to raise additional funds for the Senior Residents Christmas lunch which the CC organises.

We have been working hard with Highland Council to implement Traffic Calming measures and have been frustrated by the difficulty in progressing this. We have one additional speed warning sign in place opposite Ellanwood road but still wish another 2 on the Inverness Road and the road out to Grantown. We want to explore other traffic calming options but have to work within the Highland Council and Scottish Government requirements.

We await the outcome of the CNPA planning decision regarding the proposed Tulloch houses up Carr Road and beside Crannich Park and will be submitting to the CNPA 5 year Development plan after the CC run drop in meeting.

We are being consulted on the dualing of the A9 and now that the Tom na Clach windfarm has been approved we need to address the community gain that may be available and ensure that we control and minimise the impact of any additional construction traffic.

We continue to be very supportive of Carve Carrbridge as without their surplus funds many of this last year's monetary requests would have been impossible.

We have been very fortunate in Margarete Pashke taking over the running of the Carrbridge World Porridge Making Championship 2013 in its 20th anniversary year.

We are indebted to Shona Rankin for her 2011 & 2012 managing of the event and her handover to Margarete.

We are also indebted to Fergus Thom for the very successful www.carrbridgenews.com & Roy Brown for the revamped www.carrbridge.com.

We also get a lot of invaluable support from Lorraine Anderson and Dougie Edwards for which we are very grateful.

We are fortunate in having Bill Lobban as our Highland councillor, he has attended almost every meeting and his advice and support is much appreciated.

Finally a big thank you to all the members of the CC who put in a huge amount of work for the benefit of the community and to the support they have given me.

Andrew Kirk